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Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 1, line 23 and ending at page 2, line 3 as follows:

Furthermore, a retrieval system, publication of various information, etc., have been widely performed through the Internet.

On the other hand, enterprises have designed their own computer systems for managing their intellectual property such as patents, utility models, etc. In most of the systems, data of bibliographic information such as the filing date, the application number,